

# Weld County Field Guide: Native Annuals

The pictures below identify some features of the most misidentified weedy native annuals in Weld County.

## Prickly poppy

*White flowers*



*Spiny blue-green leaves with white veins and yellow sap when broken*



*Seedheads*



## Common cocklebur

*Seedlings*



*Larger plants with large leaves*



*Similar to wild licorice seeds (Left)  
Common cocklebur seeds (Right)*



## Buffalobur

*Yellow flowers*



*Very spiny*



*Rosette has small oak-like leaves  
Germinates in mid summer*





## Marestail

*Unremarkable flower*



*Tall plant*



*Tannic and gallic acids may cause skin and mucosal irritation*



## Redroot pigweed

*Growing plant*



*Red roots*



*Seedlings*



## Common knotweed

*Infestation*



*White and pink flowers*



*Vining*





## Marshelder - aka Horseweed, False ragweed, Giant marshelder

*Seeds*



*Commonly 3 to 8 feet tall*



*Large leaves*



## Snow on the Mountain

*All parts are poisonous if ingested*



*May cause allergic reaction or skin irritation*



*Infestation*



## Giant ragweed

*Large leaves*



*3 to 12 feet tall*



*The pollen is an allergy sufferer's worst nightmare!*





## Common ragweed

*Leaves*



*Up to 3 ft tall and branching*



*Small greenish flowers turn yellowish or brown as they mature*



## Umbrella plant

*Stems and leaf structure*



*Rosette*



*White to bright pink flowers in round heads on leafless stems*



## Fetid marigold

*Yellow flowers*



*Livestock discouraged from grazing by strong odor*



*A member of the sunflower family*



For assistance in dealing with these weeds and with noxious weeds go to [www.weldweeds.org](http://www.weldweeds.org) or call 970-400-3770